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Bill Summary

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Overview

Proposes to expand the violence prevention education grant program to include character development education that makes developing citizens' character in order to maintain American liberties part of the school curriculum. Allows the education commissioner to authorize certain fund transfers for this purpose.

Section

1 Character development education.

Subd. 1. Policy. Acknowledges the legislature's recognition of the foundational principles of freedom based on individual self-governance. Declares that America needs citizens of certain character to maintain its liberties and that developing character is an important part of the school curriculum.

Subd. 2. Character development education. Encourages school districts, using suggested programs, to provide character education instruction that is integrated into the existing education structure. Directs the education commissioner to assist school districts upon request.

Subd. 3. Funding sources. Directs the commissioner to use available federal funds for this purpose. Allows school districts to accept other funds for programs under this section.

Section

Makes this section effective immediately.

- 2** **Violence prevention and character development education grants.** Expands the violence prevention education grant program to include character development education.

Makes this section effective immediately.

- 3** **Approval standard; violence prevention and character development education.** Allows the commissioner to approve a fund transfer for violence prevention or character development education when there is a surplus fund balance and curriculum and classroom instruction are unaffected by the transfer.

Makes this section effective immediately.